

*Hudek***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicants:** Starnes et al. **Examiner:** P. Szekely**Serial No:** 09/884,306 **Group Art Unit:** 1714**Filed:** June 19, 2001 **Date:****For:** **"ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS
FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PROPOSED AMENDMENT A**

Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, Applicants respond as follows: